

# Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

December 13, 2007

15 South 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 103-A  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

## **Members Present:**

David Landrith, Chair  
Colleen Brophy, M.D. via phone  
Barbara Wuebbels, R.N.  
Lon Owen, Ph.D.  
Greg Garcia, Esq.  
Manual Modiano, M.D. via phone  
David Jerman  
Joan Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.

## **Staff Present:**

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.  
James Matthews  
Damika Brock

## **Absent:**

Eve Shapiro, M.D.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM by Chair Landrith. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Owen moved to adopt the minutes of May 7, 2007. Commissioner Jerman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner Owen moved to adopt the minutes of September 11, 2007. Commissioner Jerman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Deputy Director Matthews described the ten year Sunset Audit process and introduced members of the Auditor General staff Ms. Lori Babbitt and Ms. Cheya Wilson. Ms. Babbitt described some of the procedures they are utilizing in the audit and the general timeline for the audit. Deputy Director Matthews informed the Commissioners of the possibility of being contacted by the auditors at some future time.

Deputy Director Matthews introduced Kevin Ray, Health and Education Section Chief of the Office of the Attorney General and Terry Corbett, Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Commission. Mr. Ray spoke of his long history with the Commission and how pleased he is to have Mr. Corbett on board.

Chair Landrith introduced Mr. Jack LaSota, the Commission lobbyist. Mr. LaSota described the coming 2008 legislative session as one with challenges for the Commission. The state budget difficulties may impact the Commission with legislators looking for non-general fund sources of revenue. Mr. LaSota characterized the Commission's activities next session as "playing defense."

Executive Director Dawn Schroeder presented the Executive Director report. Topics covered were:

- Responses to RFP08-100 were higher than expected. 124 responses were received for the Category I awards. Commissioners can look forward to receiving proposals for review in the next two weeks.
- RFP08-200 the Non-embryonic Stem Cell Repository has been sent to all interested parties that the Commission is aware of. In addition, the RFP is posted on the Commission website.
- The Clinical and Translational Science Award application was filed on time with the National Institutes of Health. The Commission and the Arizona Board of Regents were

instrumental in providing funding and support for the application. Commission sponsored AzTransNet activities made up a significant portion of the application. AzTransNet activities were used as “proof of concept” demonstration in the application. Commissioner Brophy added that she thought the application was strong enough for first round funding and even if not funded it would be in good shape for a second round application.

- Utilizing the ABRC Tobacco Revenue Comparison FY2005-2008 graph, Commission revenues are best described as reduced by about \$100,000 per month and closely tracking revenue trajectories from previous years and in particular FY05. The reduction in revenue may be attributed to the effect of the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Initiative adopted by the voters in 2006. The Commission will adapt its funding priorities to reflect the reduction in revenue.
- AzTransNet is continuing its activities. The next major event will be a forum on Patient Registries.
- ABRC and the Flinn Foundation are sponsoring the next Scientific Symposium to be held in Tucson on October 28-29, 2008. Representatives of Bio5, Bio-design Institute, and TGen will help determine the Symposium topics.
- Projects by Commission sponsored researchers Jonathan Rose and Joyce Schroeder are continuing. The Rose project is undergoing xenograph testing and the Schroeder project may need additional funding in order to complete testing.

There was no other business.

Chair Landrith made a call to the public. There was no response.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday February 14, 2008.

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James Matthews  
Deputy Director